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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Richard J. "Zeke" Russ, who passed away on February 25, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Russ served his country with pride as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Russ was an advocate of boys' baseball during his children's youth and afterwards; he loved St. Joseph Church and enjoyed his duties as an usher; he was a fixture at St. Joe's Park, spending countless hours visiting with friends and listening to polka music at Sunday picnics; later in life, he found joy in spending time with his friends and fellow walkers at Louis Joliet Mall; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Russ was preceded in death by his parents, Anton B. and Mary D. (nee Fabian) Russ; 2 sisters, Gertrude Shroba and Lucille Pagorski; a brother, Anton R. Russ; and his loving companion, Betty Monshau; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Russ is survived by 5 children, Regina "Kim" Roman and Rodger, Ray, Dan, and Rick Russ; 4 sisters, Mary Ann Gregorich, Diane Budzinski, Kay Whiteley, and Linda Sartori; and his loving friend and companion, Mary Lou Cookas;

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1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
4 family and friends, mourn the passing of Richard J. "Zeke"
5 Russ; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Richard Russ as an expression of our
8 sympathy.